

A vs No Article

Use **a / an** for one countable thing: *a coffee* (one cup), *a chicken* (the animal). Use **no article** for uncountable nouns, which are substances, materials and ideas: *Coffee keeps me awake. I had chicken for lunch.* Some nouns, like *advice* and *information*, never take a or an.

A / AN · ONE COUNTABLE THING

Can I have **a coffee**?



a coffee

one cup

NO ARTICLE · A SUBSTANCE OR IDEA

Coffee keeps me awake.



coffee

the drink in general

1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- Can you give me _____?
a) an advice b) some advice
- The window is made of _____.
a) a glass b) glass
- She's looking for _____ in marketing.
a) work b) a work
- Two teas and _____, please.
a) a coffee b) coffee
- I need _____ about the course.
a) an information b) some information

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. Can you give me an advice?

2. I'm looking for a work.

3. We bought a new furniture.

3. Your turn

Write two sentences about your own life: one with **A / An** and one with **No article**. Then explain the difference to a partner.

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/compare/a-vs-no-article

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) some advice** Advice is uncountable, so it never takes a or an.
2. **b) glass** Glass as a material is uncountable.
3. **a) work** Work meaning employment is uncountable. You could also say a job.
4. **a) a coffee** When you order, a coffee means one cup.
5. **b) some information** Information is uncountable.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **Can you give me some advice?** Advice is uncountable. For one, say a piece of advice.
2. **I'm looking for work.** Work (a job) is uncountable. You can also say I'm looking for a job.
3. **We bought some new furniture.** Furniture is uncountable. For one item, say a piece of furniture.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.